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AMBASSADOR SENT FOREIGN MINISTER FOLLOWING LETTER ON JULY 10:

QUOTE DEAR MR. MINISTER:

AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN WITHIN HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO NEW RULES RELATING TO CUSTOMS PRIVILEGES FOR THE STAFFS OF FOREIGN AID MISSIONS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ADVISERS. I ENCLOSE HERewith THE TEXT OF A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR OF USAID/NEPAL FROM THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ENCLOSING A DOCUMENT SETTING FORTH NEW STIPULATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. THE DIRECTOR OF OUR AID MISSION, IN ACKNOWLEDGING THIS COMMUNICATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, HAS POINTED OUT THAT THE DRAFT WHICH WAS ENCLOSED RAISES A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF POINTS WHICH WILL REQUIRE DISCUSSION, INCLUDING MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 4 OF THE 1951 AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN NEPAL AND THE UNITED STATES. HE HAS ASKED MR. JOHN F. MURTHA, SERVING AS ACTING DIRECTOR OF USAID/NEPAL FROM THE DEPART-

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TURE OF MR. CARTER IDE TODAY, TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE DISCUSSIONS

IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

WE ARE PARTICULARLY DESIROUS OF EARLY CONSULTATIONS ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER, SINCE WE NOTE THE INTENTION STATED IN THE FINAL PARAGRAPH OF THE ENCLOSED MEMORANDUM TO PUBLISH DETAILS CONCERNING THIS MATTER SHORTLY IN THE "NEPAL GAZETTE."

MY PARTICULAR PURPOSES IN WRITING TO YOU AT THIS TIME ARE TO UNDERScore THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE PROPOSED NEW RULES ON CUSTOMS PRIVILEGES FOR AID PERSONNEL AND TO ADDRESS TO YOU A REQUEST FOR EARLY CONSULTATIONS ON THIS MATTER PRUSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE 1 OF THE 1971 AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I SHOULD LIKE AT THE SAME TIME TO REAFFIRM THE ASSURANCE GIVEN BY MR. IDE IN HIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE THAT WE STAND READY TO EXAMINE ANY SITUATIONS WHICH MAY BE CAUSING DIFFICULTIES FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE NEPALESE OFFICIALS CONCERNED AND TO SEEK REASONABLE SOLUTIONS.

SINCERELY YOURS, UNQUOTE.

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